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Dear []

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I have discussed the predicament as mentioned at the 18 November TCN meeting with [] whose two sons face the same STAT predicament as my daughters and son. We think first of all the bureau may call the U.S. Consulate General to see whether the eligibility of us monitors for applying for U.S. permanent residence really includes the prerequisite: only retiring monitors can apply. If this is so, then there is no alternative but asking Mr Manners for ways to solve this question.

In the 1970's, the same U.S. Consulate General on Okinawa gave U.S. permanent residence to quite a few Chinese monitors who completed 15 years of devoted service. While I (and my wife) may not need this permanent residence status until my retirement, my daughters and son absolutely need it as soon as possible. They have received an American education and are used to American lifestyle. They know too little about things Chinese to live in Taiwan, not to mention working there.

Now, as alien students, my children attending college in the States have to pay full tuition without any opportunity to get any financial aid. Most of the scholarships, loans, subsidy are for students who are U.S. citizens or who have permanent residence status. My eldest daughter Anne, while studying at Duke University, could not work at an IBM plant in Endicott, N.Y. in the summer of 1984 to acquire her career-related job experience, although her dean strongly recommended her and the IBM plant would love to have her. Anne graduated from Duke in 1986, but she had to leave the States. If she had stayed, she would have become an "illegal alien." Actually, all my children, STAT and the children of [] and other monitors who have no permanent

residence status will eventually all become "illegal aliens" if we do not solve this question now. The DODD schools offer our children good American education, but without the permanent residence status, our children are facing a bleak future. It is very, very difficult, if not absolutely impossible, for us to pay full college tuition for our children. Even after they graduate from a U.S. college, where can they stay and get a job while their parents are still working and are not eligible for retirement? Obviously, this question is extremely urgent and serious, and really needs a solution at once.

Thank you for taking my question into consideration.

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For reference: My first daughter Anne, born in Brunei in 1964, is now staying in Singapore and still wishes to live and work in the States. my second daughter Frances will graduate from the State University of New York in Albany in May 1989 and wishes to work in the States. My son Robert is now applying for admissions to a U.S. college. He is now a senior in Kadena High. The White House Scholarship Committee recently wrote a letter to him urging him to apply for college scholarship on the basis of his very high SAT grade. He feels disappointed when learning that only students who have permanent residence status or are u.s. citizens can apply. As of now, I have worked for FBIS for more than 18 years; 20STAT:s.